**National Literacy Mission in Uttar Pradesh**

787. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the National Literacy Mission launched by the Government;

(b) the details of the issues considered by the Literacy Mission and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether any review has been made regarding the work done in Deoria and Ballia districts of Uttar Pradesh under this Mission; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The basic feature of the national Literacy Mission (NLM) launched by the Government in May, 1988, with the objective of imparting functional literacy to 80.00 million adult illiterates in the age-group 15-35 by 1995, is that it is a societal mission, the success of which depends on social mobilisation, active participation by the potential beneficiaries, literacy workers and the whole community.

(b) The important issues considered by the Mission include learners' motivation, efficacy of the centre based programme, creation of an environment conducive to literacy, involvement of students from schools/colleges/universities in literacy work effective involvement of voluntary agencies, mobilisation of all sections of the society for taking up total literacy campaigns in specified areas and within a prescribed timespan, outcome oriented learning, provision of facilities for post literacy & continuing education, arrangements for a credible and timely monitoring and evaluation and creation of a management structure which is autonomous flexible and result-oriented. Following action has been taken in respect of these issues:

(i) With a view to heightening the learners' motivation, teaching/learning material has been designed under the new technique of improved pace and content of learning (IPCL) and is being used under all the programmes of the Mission.

(ii) Centre based programme under the State Agencies as well as voluntary Agencies has been reviewed and reorganised to provide for smaller size of projects for ensuring easy monitoring and effective supervision and the area approach for total literacy in a definite time frame.

(iii) The jathas organised by the Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti and the teams of the Gandhian and the Sarvodaya workers and other environment building activities have been taken up throughout the country, with a view to putting literacy firmly on the agenda of the nation and to create a people's machinery to respond to the demand for literacy so created.

(iv) Involvement of students from schools and colleges in the activities of the Mission has increased steadily and at present about 1.00 million students are expected to be taking part in NLM.

(v) Total literacy campaigns which are area-specific, time-bound,

volunteer-based, cost-effective and result-oriented in sharp contrast with the traditional centre based programme, have been taken up in 65 districts in the country.

(vi) Besides setting up of about 32,000 Jana Shikshan Nilayams for providing facilities of post-literacy and continuing education, post literacy campaigns are being taken up immediately after conclusion of the total literacy campaigns.

(vii) The programme is being got evaluated by external agencies such as Institutes of Social Science Research and Management and Comprehensive computerised management information system is being developed for monitoring the progress under the Mission.

(viii) The National Institute of Audit Education has been set up as a Centre of research, human resource development, media and communication, library and documentation etc. It will work closely with NLM and will provide inputs to strengthen the literacy and the adult education programmes in the country.

(c) and (d). Even though no specific review/evaluation of adult education programme in the districts of deoria and Ballia of Uttar Pradesh has been made, certain complaints against a few voluntary agencies in Deoria district are being investigated by the State Government.

**Rail Projects in Uttar Pradesh**

788. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for rail projects submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to the Union Government during the last five years;

(b) the action taken on each of them; and

(c) the year-wise details of the expansion work of railways undertaken in the State by the Government during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) For a new line from Farrukhabad to Hardoi/Sandila.

(b) The proposal could not be taken up because of its unremunerativeness and constraint of resources.

(c) A statement is attached.